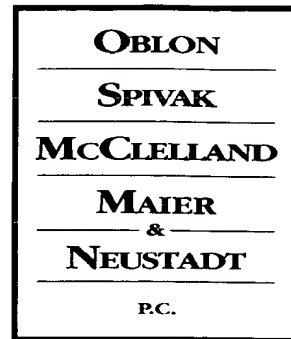




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In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003, the following remarks traversing the outstanding grounds for rejection are presented:

**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are presently pending in this application.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-13, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sugarman et al. (U.S. Patent 5,503,805); and Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugarman et al. in view of Saneii (U.S. Patent 4,746,490).

Briefly, Claim 1 is directed to an automated chemical synthesizer that includes a plurality of reaction vessels and an execution time calculator. The execution time calculator